

Ashburnham Parks & Recreation

Meeting Minutes

October 11, 2012

I. Call to order

Mike Salem called to order a work meeting of the **Parks & Recreation Committee** at **6:30pm** on **October 11th 2012** in the training room at the Public Safety Building.

II. Roll call

Mike Salem, Cheryl Goller, Doug Carlman, Gail Dumont, Rebecca Cinclair, Steve Gallant, Tamara Walsh

Special Guest: Gary Howland from the Conservation Trust

III. Conservation Trust

- a) Gary came to speak with Parks & Rec about the open space and trails map they are working on. He thought having some members from Parks and Rec on the committee would be a good fit. The map has not been updated since 2008. They are currently 95% towards completion with having only land trust and con com doing it. He spoke about the swimming hole at Lake Watatic that was recently established and they were very happy with the turn out for the hikes that were offered this summer through the library. He took information from interested P & R members and is hoping to start some work meeting in November.

Gary will attend a P & R meeting closer to WinterFest to solidify participation.

IV. New Business

- a) Gail Dumont has been removed from the committee. There is a conflict of interest with P & R having a budget and her being on the Advisory Board.
- b) There was some vandalism at Sweeney Park. Someone notified the police and the vandals were apprehended. They damaged the tunnel and the DPW barrels. Rebecca thanked Michelle Gallagher for notifying the police.

V. Old Business

- a) Fence for Parks – It will be an article at the Special Town meeting on October 16th. Whoever can attend the town meeting should. If approved 2 additional quotes are needed.
- b) Rules Signs – Review of Rules & Court Signs.
- c) Slide at Sweeney Playground – work on October 23 @ 3:30

VI. Secretary/Treasurer Update

- a) Handout given with modified budget. We are technically over budget due to the extra money spent on seal coating and lining the basketball courts at Sweeney Playground. We need to decide where we want to cut.

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- c) Cheryl received 3 quotes from Seal Coating companies. Discussion about quotes.
Vote to select D Rhodes Paving to seal coat courts for \$3175.00: unanimous
- c) The Basketball Courts at Sweeney Playground should be sealed and lined next week.
- d) Current available funds in budget is \$8247.81

WinterFest 2013

- a) Rebecca emailed the Community Partnership for Children and they are interested in participating again this year.
- b) Rebecca also tried to contact the art teachers at Oakmont about running the snow sculptures but has not heard back yet.
- c) Rebecca is still working on a Facebook post about volunteers.
- d) Doug Carlman is planning on a 35 x 85 rink.
- e) Cheryl has requested the committee walk Sweeney Park on October 23rd to determine layout.

VII. Adjournment

Mike Salem adjourned the meeting at **8:45pm**.
Next Meeting October 25^h 2012 @ 6:30 pm

Minutes submitted by: Cheryl Goller

Minutes approved by: